Around the World in Ten Beats

Learning objective: To identify musical instruments, styles, and traditions from different cultures around the world.

Join Max the monkey and Rosa the parrot on a musical journey! Answer the following ten questions to show off your knowledge of global rhythms and sounds.

Answer Key: 1. A (Djembe), 2. False, 3. Caribbean, 4. B (Gamelan), 5. True, 6. Didgeridoo, 7. C (India), 8. True, 9. D (Japan), 10. False (It is a string instrument).

Word bank: Djembe · Steel Pan · Raga · Gamelan · Samba · Pentatonic · Didgeridoo · Koto

1. 1. Which of these is a famous goblet-shaped drum from West Africa? A) Djembe* B) Koto C) Sitar D) Oboe (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The Samba musical style originated in the United Kingdom. (1 mark)

3. 3. The steel pan is a pitched percussion instrument that originated in which region? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these is a traditional Indonesian ensemble consisting mainly of bronze percussion instruments? A) Samba B) Gamelan* C) Raga D) Koto (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: A didgeridoo is a wind instrument traditionally made from eucalyptus wood. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which Australian Aboriginal instrument produces a low-frequency drone sound? (1 word) (1 mark)

7. 7. A 'Raga' is a melodic framework used in the classical music of which country? A) Brazil B) Japan C) India* D) Greece (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Folk music often uses instruments that are traditionally made from materials found locally in the area. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which of these is a traditional Japanese plucked string instrument? A) Djembe B) Steel Pan C) Didgeridoo D) Koto* (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: A djembe is a type of string instrument. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw your own imaginary musical instrument! Think about what materials it might be made from and how you would play it (e.g., plucking, shaking, or blowing into it). Give it a creative name.

Extension challenge: Choose one country from the quiz. Research one other instrument from that country and write a short paragraph explaining how the sound is made and what kind of music it is used for.